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2 SAMUEL

THE TRIUMPHS AND TROUBLES OF DAVID

THE NAME OF THE BOOK "SAMUEL"

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- Meaning: "God's Name" or "God Heard"
- Together, 1 and 2 Samuel form one book in the Hebrew Bible. It was known as the "Book of Samuel."
- The Greek translation of the Bible, the Septuagint, was the first version to divide the material into two parts.

AUTHORSHIP & FACTS

- Evidence in the writing suggests that the books of 1 and 2 Samuel were compiled by someone from the prophetic school who used documents from Samuel, Nathan, and Gad
- The Prime character in this book is King David.
- The key figures in 1 Samuel are dead: Prophet Samuel, King Saul & his son Jonathan.
- The other people of interest in this book are: Joab, Bathsheba, Nathan, and Absalom.

- The date of writing, then, would be sometime after 960 B.C.
- **CHAPTERS**: 24
- **VERSES**: 695

ITS PLACE IN HISTORY

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- The events of 1 Samuel span approximately 100 years
- The events of 2 Samuel cover another 40 years.
- It begins with the death of Saul and Jonathan the account of census taken up by David and God's punishment for doing so.
- David's forty year reign consisted of:
  - 7 1/2 years over Judah from Hebron
  - 33 years of reigning in Jerusalem over Judah & Israel
- 2 Samuel continues the account of the life of David at the point where 1 Samuel concludes.

THE TRIUMPHS & TROUBLES OF DAVID

A BOOK OF NATIONAL EXPANSION & PERSONAL DESCENT

- 1 Samuel introduces the monarchy of Israel
- 2 Samuel chronicles the establishment of the Davidic dynasty and the expansion of Israel under God's chosen leader.

- In this book, Israel is given over entirely to the reign of David.
- Approximately half of the book tells of King David's success and the other half shows his failures.

THE NATIONAL EXPANSION (CHAPTERS 1-10)

1. David's Great Victory Over the House of Saul - chapters 1 - 4

a. David Mourns for Saul & Jonathan - chapter 1

b. War Between David & Ishbosheth - chapters 2 - 4

> David was initially acclaimed king at Hebron by the tribe of Judah (chs. 1–4)

- We find that David becomes the king of Judah while the Northern part of the nation (Israel) rejects God and chooses to go with the dynastic tradition, by selecting Saul's son Ish-Bosheth to rule.

> He was subsequently accepted by the remaining tribes after the murder of Ish-Bosheth, one of Saul's surviving sons (5:1–5).

- Ish-Bosheth eventually was executed and the northern tribes asked David to rule the entire nation of Israel.
- King David chooses to establish a new capital, Jerusalem, and through a tragic process, brings the Ark there.

2. David's Great Rule - chapters 5-7

a. David Unites the Kingdom - chapter 5

b. David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem - chapter 6

c. God's Great Promise to David - chapter 7

- David's leadership was decisive and effective.
- He captured Jerusalem from the Jebusites and made it his royal city and residence (5:6–13).

THE NATIONAL EXPANSION (CHAPTERS 1-10)

- Shortly afterward he brought the ark of the Lord from the house of Abinadab to Jerusalem, publicly acknowledging the Lord's kingship and rule over himself and the nation (ch. 6; Ps 132:3–5).
- Under David's rule the Lord caused the nation to prosper,
- He defeated his enemies, in fulfillment of his promise (see Ge 15:18-21)

3. David's Great Victories Over God's Enemies - chapters 8 - 10

a. David Defeats Moab, Philistia, Zobah, & Syria - chapter 8

b. David's Kindness to Mephibosheth - chapter 9

c. David Defeats the Ammonite & Syrian Alliance - chapter 10

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A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

Acts 13:22 says, "After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'"

1. HE LOVED GOD & WORSHIPPED HIM

2 Samuel 6:14-21 - King David danced "before the Lord with all his might"on the occasion was the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem.

2. TRUSTED GOD & INQUIRED HIM

1st Inquiry – 1 Samuel 23:1-3 - Regarding Keilah
2nd Inquiry – 1 Samuel 30:8-9 "So David inquired of the LORD, saying, 'Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?'
3rd Inquiry – 2 Samuel 2:1-2 - "It happened after this that David inquired of the LORD, saying, 'Shall I go up to any of the cities of Judah?'
4th Inquiry – 2 Samuel 5:17-21 - "So David inquired of the LORD, saying, 'Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?'
5th Inquiry – 2 Samuel 5:22-25 - "Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. Therefore David inquired of the LORD
6th Inquiry – 2 Samuel 21:1 - "Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years … and David inquired of the LORD.

3. HE WAS HUMBLE & REPENTANT

Psalm 51 - Even though he had sinned grievously David was still able to humble himself before God in repentance.
2 Sam 24:14-17 - When he committed the sin of counting God's People

4. COMPASSIONATE & GENEROUS

David had promised Jonathan that he would protect his family (1 Samuel 20:15-16).
2 Samuel 9:1-13 - Consequently, David asks how he might help any surviving members of Saul/Jonathan's family (v. 1), which he does (vv. 11b-12).

THE PERSONAL DESCENT (CHAPTERS 11-24)

- In chapters 11-24, we observe the sinful side of King David during his reign, and how it affected the nation of Israel.
- David lost a baby (2 Sam.12:18),
- Amnon a grown son (who was murdered by his brother) (2 Sam.13:21-38),
- His daughter Tamar raped (2 Sam.13:14),
- Suffered betrayal by his loving son, Absalom- Rebellion of Absalom - chapters 14-19
- Lost his position as king for a season
- Adonijah, his son killed by Solomon his brother

- all because he sinned against the Lord by committing adultery with Bathsheba.
- Yet, the penalty for his sin was that “the sword will never depart from your house” and the child would die (2 Samuel 12:10-15).
- Ammon raped Tamar
- Absalom killed Ammon
- Solomon killed Adonijah

THE CRUMBLED FAMILY

THE MULTIPLE WIVES OF DAVID

1.Michal - Daughter of Saul (1 Sam 18:27)
2. Ahinoam of Jezreel (1 Sam 25:43)
3. Abigail of Carmel (the former wife of Nabal) (1 Sam 25:42)
4. Maachah the daughter of King Talmai of Geshur (2 Sam 3:3)
5. Haggith (2 Sam 3:4)
6. Abital (2 Sam 3:4)
7. Eglah (2 Sam 3:5)
8. Bath-shua (Bathsheba) the child of Ammiel (2 Sam 12:24)
   + Other concubines (1 Chron 3:9)

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1 Chronicles 3:1-4

- King David's first 7 wives gave him 6 children, while they lived in Hebron.
- In the city of Jerusalem, David's 8th wife, Bathsheba, gave him 4 sons after the death of her 1st son.
- Other wives gave birth to 9 more sons.
- A total of 19 sons + many daughters (1 daughter - Tamar)

- First, David commits adultery with a married woman named Bathsheba and she becomes pregnant.
- **This sets in motion a series of events: the Family of David falling like a pack of cards.**
- David repented and Psalm 51 records his repentance. But the consequences followed:

THE PERSONAL DESCENT (CHAPTERS 11-24)

David's Great Sins & Their Punishments - chapters 11 - 21

1. David Commits Adultery & Murder - chapter 11
2. God's Judgment on David - 12:1-23
3. Birth of Solomon - 12:24-25
4. Defeat of Ammon - 12:26-31
5. Rape of Tamar & Death of Amnon - chapter 13
6. Rebellion of Sheba - chapter 20
7. Three Years of Famine - 21:1-14
8. Defeat of Philistines - 21:15-22

David’s Great Faith, Great Strength, Great Sin - chapters 22 - 24

a. Great Faith: David's Psalm of Praise - 22:1 - 23:7

b. Great Strength: David's Mighty Men - 23:8-39

c. Great Sin: David's Punishment for Sin of Numbering People - chapter 24